

**ABSTRACT**

A gene encoding an acetyltransferase inactivating streptogramin A was isolated from an *Enterococcus faecium* strain and sequenced. The gene, designated *vatE*, encodes a 23,775 kDa protein exhibiting 48.5 to 59.9 % amino acid identity with four other enzymes with the same activity, *Vat*, *VatB*, *VatC* and *SatA*.